



# WINHILLS

## Years 2 and 3

### Fortnightly Newsletter

#### English

In English, the children have written their own alternative endings to traditional tales. They innovated an ending for either Little Red Riding Hood or The Three Little Pigs. We were really impressed with how they applied all of the grammar that they have been taught this year. This includes expanded noun phrases, using conjunctions, adverbials to start sentences, speech punctuation and similes. Their understanding of this grammar and how to use it has improved dramatically!

Our Guided Reading lesson focus on VIPERS which stands for vocabulary, infer, predict, explain, retrieve and sequence. The children listen to part of a story and each day focus on a different strand of VIPERS.

#### Maths

In Maths, the children in Year 3 have been learning all about length and perimeter. They have been measuring things around the classroom and calculating the perimeter of shapes. In Year 2, we have continued our learning about multiplication and division. They have learnt new methods for both including grouping, arrays, sharing and number lines. arithmetic, they have continued to develop their addition and subtraction methods.

#### Science

We have continued our learning about forces and magnets in Science. The children have been using the magnets to explore magnetic and non-magnetic materials around skills. They also tested the strength of different magnets by seeing how many paper clips in a chain that they could hold. We finished the topic by exploring magnetic poles. They had to predict if magnets would attract or repel when moved towards each other before investigating to see what would happen.

#### Topic

In the ICE zone, the children have continued their learning about explorers. They have started to learn about the famous fossil hunter Mary Anning. In Art, the children have been developing their sketching skills to produce abstract pictures of flowers.

#### Reminders

Please can the children bring their books in every day to ensure they can be changed.

Please aim to complete **five reads and a book talk** (discussion about the book. Please write book talk in their reading diary) each week. This is an easy way for your child to earn Dojo points. In Year 2, the children should complete 30 minutes of Numbots each week. In Year 3, the children need to complete 15 minutes of TT Rockstars and 30 minutes of Maths Whizz each week.

Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day and appropriate clothing (including PE kit) for the changing weather.

Any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**